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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
OPERATING GASEOUS FUEL FIRED  
HEATER

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Dear Sir:

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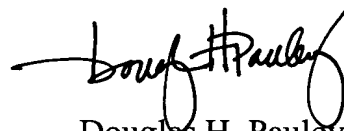
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and are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being material to examination of the subject Patent Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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